

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4, and 6, 8-11, and 13 are pending herein.

I. The allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 7-8 and 12-13. Applicants respectfully accept the allowable subject matter as indicated in the following table, which summarizes the amended claims:

Amended claim number	Previous claim(s) on which amended claim is based
1	1 + 7
9	9 + 12

Claims 7 and 12 are respectfully cancelled.

II. The objections to the drawings, as noted on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully note that Figures 3(A)-3(E) have been amended to include the reference numerals 464a and 464b. Additionally, Applicants respectfully note that the specification has been amended to clarify where the Figures show the limitation of “non-engagement state” in Figures 3(B) and 3(E).

Regarding the specific amendments to Figures 3(A)-3(E), Applicants note that the following reference numerals have been added:

- In Figure 3(B) reference numeral 464 is amended to 464a and 464b, and reference numeral 48 is added.

- In Figure 3(C), reference numeral 464b is added.

- In Figure 3(D), the reference numerals 464a and 464b are added.

- In Figure 3(E), reference numerals 47, 48, and 464b are added.

Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the objections to the drawings have been overcome.

III. The § 112 rejections, as noted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully note that the limitations of claims 7 and 12 added to independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to correct the noted issues regarding “thin plate part” and “the two parts.” No new matter is added by the amendments. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the § 112 rejections have been overcome.

IV. The obviousness rejections of claims 1-2 and 4 based on Tung (US 6,789,439) in view of Harvie (US 1,898,956), as noted on page 3 of the Office Action.

As noted above, it is respectfully asserted that independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 7. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 4 are allowable.

V. The obviousness rejections of claims 6 and 9-11 based on Tung in view of Harvie and JP 2000-320955, as noted on page 6 of the Office Action.

As noted above, it is respectfully asserted that independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claims 7 and 12, respectively. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that independent claim 9, and dependent claims 6 and 10-11 are also allowable.

VI. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicant seeks to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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